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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58112

Kazuyuki USUKI et al.

Appln. No.: 09/618,152

Group Art Unit: 1773

Confirmation No.: 7420

Examiner: Stevan A. Resan

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: **MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MODE USING FLOPPY DISK**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 18, 2002, to which a three-month period for reply was set.

The Office Action contains a restriction requirement, between one of three groups of claims, as set forth on page 2 of the Action. In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6, for examination on the merits. Applicants traverse to the extent that they reserve the right to seek rejoinder of any non-elected claims which contain the subject matter of any allowed, elected claims.

The Office Action indicates that an oral election was not made. However, according to the undersigned's file we left a telephone message with the Examiner on about May 16, 2002, indicating the same election as set forth above. Apparently, there may have been a mix-up in communications.

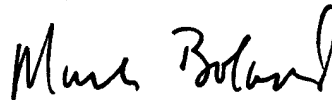
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In any event, Applicants look forward to receiving the results of examination of this case on the merits. Kindly direct any questions to the undersigned.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge any and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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